

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION			
CONDITION	(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair
	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins		<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered *		<input type="checkbox"/> Uncltered
	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE			
<p>Peacefields has been constructed in two sections facing east.</p> <p>The original 1740 south wing is a three bay wide, one bay deep gambrel roofed two story flush planking frame structure of random width which faces east. Its south wall is constructed of stone and holds a large central chimney which has two flues rising from two fireplaces on the first floor, one of which is now closed. First floor windows hold nine over nine lites with second floor windows holding six-over-six lites.</p> <p>The later north wing constructed of stone bears a datestone: TBDM, 1820, believed to stand for Thomas Beale Dorsey Merriweather. It is a four bay wide and one bay deep shed roofed structure believed to have been an early kitchen connected to the main house in 1820 by Mr. Merriweather. A heavy wall between the two rooms of this section bears this out.</p> <p>Brick chimneys are centered into the north wall of the original kitchen and the north wall of the connector.</p> <p>A 20th century kitchen and screened-in porch which lies on the west wall and two east porches have not seriously altered the integrity of the original house which remains very much as it was during the time of Nicholas Greenberry Ridgely in 1740.</p> <p>Northwest of the house is a four bay wide, one bay deep one story stone structure which has two rectangular east entrance doors originally used as slave quarters but now used for storage.</p> <p>Northeast of the house is a frame house used previously by caretakers as well as two old barns.</p>			

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☒ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) circa 1740

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | lasophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Round About Hills is one of the earliest Howard County structures and was the country seat of Nicholas Greenbury Ridgely. This land was later owned by Reuben Merriweather of Virginia who bequeathed the structure to his son, Thomas Beale Dorsey Merriweather, whose initials are set into the corner stone.

Mr. and Mrs. William Owings later owned Peacefields. Mrs. Owings (of the Stewarts) was born at Round About Hills. A Stewart family graveyard is located west of the house as well as an old slave burial ground.

In 1967 Mr. and Mrs. Manger bought Round About Hills and renamed it Peacefields after the farm of John and Abigail Adams.

For the above reasons Peacefields occupies an important place in the life and history of Howard County.

It should be included in the National Register of Historic Places as well as any local landmark legislation which may be developed in the future.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Warfield, J.D. Founders of Anne Arundel and Howard Counties, Maryland
Baltimore , 1972.

Stein, Charles. History and Origin of Howard County, Maryland,
Baltimore, 1972

Interview with Mrs. Sylvan Manger at Peacefields, November 18, 1976.

National Register Field Sheet, prepared by Jean Ewing.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreeage Justification:

Please see Tax Map 21, p.63 485-654
140.86 Acres

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist		
ORGANIZATION Howard County Office of Planning and Zoning	DATE	
STREET AND NUMBER: 3450 Court House Drive		
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City	STATE Maryland	21043

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

NO-9

E.D. MARSTON
& R.W. DOUGLAS
487/745
221.61A
P.9

BEN DYER
236/328
221.5A
P.3

E.J. CARTA

4.80A
P.65

P.67
P.63

SYLVAN A. MANGER L/T
& ROUND ABOUT HILLS FARMS
INC.
485/654
154.00A.
P.63

LEO
BUTLER
216/110
91.28A
P.7

VIRGIL
STREET
219/79
95A
P.4

JOHN M. BEANE
213/460
246.8A
P.6

GRIMES RD.

ROUND ABOUT HILLS
PEACEFIELD S
TAX MAP #21

5A
P.103

4.73A
P.65A
P.29

JOHN M.
BEANE
215/202
35.27A
P.26

MILL
WORTH

BR... RD.



HO. 9

878

Peace fields or Round About Hills

882 9/72



Ho. 9

888

Peace fields or Round About Hills

888 9/72



No. 9

225

Peace fields or Round About Hills

8E 9/72



Ho. 9

9/72

SE

Peace fields or Round About Hills



HO. 9

2777

Peacefields JSE May 72



H.O. 9

1/73

Peace / ulbs - front (panel) door



H.O. 9

Peace Hills . Interior. ~~He~~

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Ho. 9

Main staircase, up stairs, hall

Peace Fields

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Ho. 9

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Peace-fülds - Janla fire place



H0.9

bedroom, stove, wrap →
main house

Peace Fields

1/73

JSZ



Ho. 9

bedroom, stone wing, and
back stairs

Peace fields

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#10.9

front bedroom, south.

Peace fields. interior. #82. 1/73



H0.9

bedroom - main house

Peace fields

HEE 1/73



H.O. 9

din. of room. pref. place of
stairway.

Peace Fields interior JSE 1/73



HO-9

little
log house.

2778

Peace-fields

Joe May 72



Ho. 9

277A

88 May 172

Peace fields stone slave quarters



HO. 9

2831

EE May 72

Peace fields large barn



HO. 9

2235

Peace fields' old log barn

Mar 72
H.C.



Ho. 9

283A

Peace fields' springhouse



DIST. 4 HO-9
ROUND ABOUT HILLS
CB THOMPSON



DIST 4 HO-9
ROUND ABOUT HILLS
SLAVE QTRS
CB THOMPSON



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QTR
CBTHOMPSON